

I am a DishNetwork customer. I do not think that a merger is a good idea because I am also a Yankee fan. In Sept., 2001, before I purchased equipment or signed up with Dish, I specifically asked if they carried the Yankee games, because I told them I did not want the service if they did not carry the games. They did, and I signed up. Then the Yankees YES network was formed and as of today(March 17, 2002), Dish has no agreement with YES and last night they called to tell me they MIGHT have an agreement in the next couple of months. Every time I call their customer service I get a different response. Some of their reps sound like they have never heard of the Yankees. I believe this reflects negatively on their customer service. If Echostar merges with DirectTV, we, the customers will have less choice and no alternative. DirectTV is carrying the Yanks and many Dish customers have switched to Direct TV. I might switch too if they do not show the Yankees by Opening!

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